



# *Policy Update*

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*Policy Update* is a bimonthly publication that highlights the latest research, analysis, and statistics from the Social Security Administration's Office of Policy. It includes summaries of all recent products and highlights work done by outside researchers funded through a cooperative agreement with SSA. Information about the availability of the publications is given in each section.

## **Publications**

Recent research, analysis, and statistical compilations by the Office of Policy are available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy). For information about the availability of printed copies, e-mail [op.publications@ssa.gov](mailto:op.publications@ssa.gov), call 202-358-6274, or fax 202-358-6192.

### **Disability**

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***Annual Statistical Report on the Social Security Disability Insurance Program, 2002***  
(released August 2003)

Since 1956, the Social Security program has provided cash benefits to people with disabilities. This annual report provides program and demographic information about the people who receive those benefits—disabled workers, disabled widow(er)s, and disabled adult children. The basic topics covered are beneficiaries in current payment status; benefits awarded, withheld, and terminated; geographic distributions; Social Security beneficiaries who receive Supplemental Security Income; and the income of disabled beneficiaries.

Online: [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/di\\_asr/2002/index.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/di_asr/2002/index.html)

### **Retirement**

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***OASDI Beneficiaries by State and County, 2002***  
(released August 2003)

This annual publication provides data on the Social Security population at the local level. It presents basic program data by type of benefit (retirement, survivors, and disability) and category of beneficiary (retired and disabled workers, wives and husbands, widow(er)s, and children).

Online: [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi\\_sc/2002/index.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/oasdi_sc/2002/index.html)

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## Supplemental Security Income

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### ***SSI Annual Statistical Report, 2002***

(released August 2003)

This annual report describes the SSI program and the people who receive benefits from it. The tables present data on such topics as recipient characteristics, state-administered supplements, disability and work incentives, applications, awards, and denials.

Online: [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi\\_asr/2002/index.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_asr/2002/index.html)

### ***SSI Recipients by State and County, 2002***

(released August 2003)

Local area data for the Supplemental Security Income program for aged, blind, and disabled people are the focus of this annual statistical report. The data are for federal SSI payments and for federally administered state supplementation.

Online: [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi\\_sc/2002/index.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/ssi_sc/2002/index.html)

## Other

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### ***Fast Facts & Figures About Social Security***

(released June 2003)

This annual booklet highlights data on the most important aspects of the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income programs—the people they serve and the benefits they provide.

Online: [www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast\\_facts/2003/index.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/policy/docs/chartbooks/fast_facts/2003/index.html)

## Papers from the Retirement Research Consortium

The Retirement Research Consortium comprises two multidisciplinary centers housed in two universities—Boston College and the University of Michigan—and funded through a cooperative agreement with the Social Security Administration. These centers provide research and policy analysis to inform decisionmakers about issues critical to Social Security's retirement program.

## Boston College

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The following papers are available on the Center for Retirement Research Web site ([www.bc.edu/crr](http://www.bc.edu/crr)) and can be requested by e-mail from [crr@bc.edu](mailto:crr@bc.edu).

### ***Suspending the Employer 401(k) Match***

Alicia H. Munnell and Annika Sundén  
*BCCRR Issue in Brief No. 12* (June 2003)

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***The Outlook for Pension Contributions and Profits in the U.S.***

Alicia H. Munnell and Mauricio Soto

*BCCRR Working Paper 2003-13* (June 2003)

***Social Security Reform and the Exchange of Bequests for Elder Care***

Meta Brown

*BCCRR Working Paper 2003-12* (May 2003)

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**University of Michigan**

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Summaries of the projects on which the following papers are based are available on the Retirement Research Center Web site ([www.mrrc.isr.umich.edu/content.cfm?section=research&content=index](http://www.mrrc.isr.umich.edu/content.cfm?section=research&content=index)). The papers can be requested by e-mail from [mrrc@isr.umich.edu](mailto:mrrc@isr.umich.edu).

***Labor Supply Flexibility and Portfolio Choice: An Empirical Analysis***

Hugo Benítez-Silva

*Project No. UM03-09* (June 2003)

***The Annuity Puzzle Revisited***

Hugo Benítez-Silva

*Project No. UM02-01* (June 2003)

***Labor Supply Responses to Social Security***

John Laitner

*Project No. UM02-03* (June 2003)

***The Economic Status of Elderly Divorced Women***

Steven J. Haider, Alison Jacknowitz, and Robert F. Schoeni

*Project No. UM02-08* (May 2003)

***How Important Are Wages to the Elderly? Evidence from the New Beneficiary Data System and the Social Security Earnings Test***

Steven J. Haider and David S. Loughran

*Project No. UM02-09* (June 2003)

***Social Security, Retirement and Wealth: Theory and Implications***

Miles S. Kimball and Matthew D. Shapiro

*Project No. UM02-10* (June 2003)

***What to Expect When You Are Expecting Rationality: Testing Rational Expectations Using Micro Data***

Hugo Benítez-Silva and Debra S. Dwyer

*Project No. UM02-11* (June 2003)

***Mental Health and Labor Force Exits in Older Workers: The Mediating or Moderating Roles of Physical Health and Job Factors***

Linda A. Wray

*Project No. UM01-07* (June 2003)

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***Microsimulations in the Presence of Heterogeneity***

Constantijn W.A. Panis

*Project No. UM01-08* (May 2003)

***Lifetime Earnings Variability and Retirement Wealth***

Olivia S. Mitchell, John W.R. Phillips, Andrew Au, and David McCarthy

*Project No. UM01-C1* (June 2003)